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Idaho Prospective Plantings for 2012

All wheat planted in Idaho is expected to total 1.34 million acres, down 9 percent from last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Spring wheat plantings are expected to be 540,000 acres, 16 percent less than last year. Winter wheat seedings, at 780,000 acres, decreased 5 percent from the 2011 crop. Durum wheat seedings are expected to total 15,000 acres, up 4,000 acres from 2011. Idaho farmers intend to seed 350,000 acres of field corn in 2012, unchanged from last year. Barley seedings are expected to total 590,000 acres, up 70,000 acres from last season. Oat seedings are expected to be 80,000 acres, up 14 percent from last year. Dry bean planting intentions increased 37 percent from last year to 130,000 acres. Dry bean estimates include chickpeas, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Chickpea planting intentions totaled 65,000 acres, up 27 percent from 2011. All hay expected to be harvested, at 1.33 million acres, is down 1 percent from 2011. Sugarbeet plantings are expected to total 183,000 acres, up 4 percent from last year. Lentil acreage is expected to be 33,000 acres, up 18 percent from 2011. Dry edible pea acreage, at 24,000 acres, is expected to be up 50 percent from last year. Austrian winter pea acres are expected to total 8,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from 2011. Canola acres are expected to total 29,000 acres, up 53 percent from 2011.

Nationally, growers intend to plant 95.9 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2012, up 4 percent from last year and 9 percent higher than in 2010. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 1937 when an estimated 97.2 million acres were planted. Oat growers intend to plant an estimated 2.86 million acres, up 15 percent from the record low planted last year. Barley producers intend to plant 3.33 million acres for the 2012 crop year, up 30 percent from last year's record low. All wheat producers intend to plant 55.9 million acres for the 2012 crop year, up 3 percent from the previous year. The 2012 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 41.7 million acres, up 3 percent from 2011 but down 1 percent from the Winter Wheat Seedings report. Area seeded to durum wheat is estimated at 2.22 million acres, up 62 percent from 2011. Spring wheat growers intend to plant 12.0 million acres this year, down 3 percent from 2011. Hay producers expect to harvest 57.3 million acres of all hay in 2012, up 3 percent from 2011. Canola producers intend to plant a record high 1.56 million acres in 2012, up 45 percent from 2011. Sugarbeets area planted for the 2012 crop year is expected to total 1.24 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous year. Dry beans growers intend to plant 1.67 million acres in 2012, up 38 percent from last year. Expected area planted for all chickpeas is 184,000 acres, up 38 percent from last year. Lentils area planted for the 2012 crop year is expected to total 518,000 acres, up 21 percent from 2011. Dry edible peas growers intend to plant 619,000 acres, up 71 percent from 2011. Austrian winter peas area planted for the 2012 crop year is expected to total 21,000 acres, up 17 percent from a year ago. Acreage actually planted may vary from those indicated as a result of weather, economic conditions, availability of production inputs and the effect of this report itself.

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